

**WELLESLEY HILLS LIBRARY
AND
WARE PARK**

Soon after the turn of this century, several men from Wellesley Hills got together to establish a Wellesley Hills Branch Library in a private home. By 1927, the library had grown to the point where a branch library building was built and opened to the public. It wasn't until 1941 that a parcel of land called Ware Park was added to the library's parcel to complete the 0.59 acre triangle surrounded by Washington Street, Route 9 and Grantland Road Extension, as public land.

When the picturesque stone building was completed, the area was landscaped with trees and shrubs popular during that period. In 1977, Landscape Architect, John Wacker and Associates, was hired to provide plans to revise the total landscape, retain and improve the building's beauty and reduce landscape maintenance costs. As a result of this effort, new rolling grass land forms were created; a parking lot was designed and built; new low maintenance shrubs were added; there were drainage improvements; utility and service improvements; street sign evaluations and improvements; an outdoor sitting and reading area was built; there were new walks; a new book drop; new benches; and a new bike rack.

The landscape theme consists of a scattering of trees and shrubs set among a carpet of ground cover. The building provides a back drop for the plants while they accentuate the beauty of the building. The plants provide year round color, with the highlight of the year being the large beds of yellow daffodils in early spring.

The total design of this building and its landscape is a note of pride for all Wellesley residents.